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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of 5/25/99, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

-In the Specification, page 6, line 5, please change

"252,322" to 4,263,322.

In the Claims,

Claim 1, lines 7-8, change "O-phenyl, R' is O" to O-phenyl

is O.

Claim 2, line 2, change "is" to in.

Claim 10, line 2, change "arteriosclerosis" to

arteriosclerosis.

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REMARKS

The patent number on page 6, line 5 has been corrected. No new matter was introduced thereby since USP 4,623,659, listed on the same line, refers to USP 4,263,322 in Col. 1, paragraph 1 and the text of USP 4,623,659 was incorporated by reference.

The Examiner's objection to Claim 1 as using a zero in place of a capital O is not understood. No one skilled in the chemical art would interpret the claim as referring to a zero-phenoxy group. Despite the typography, such a term would be meaningless to a skilled chemist, nor would a skilled chemist think that an R' group could be zero. There is no such animal as a phenzero group whereas the term "phenoxy" would be interpreted correctly by those skilled in the organic chemical art. The spelling of